

SENATE RESOLUTION 158  
By Williams

A RESOLUTION to commend Dr. Edward T. Freels upon being  
named Distinguished Faculty Member at  
Carson-Newman College.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those  
exemplary citizens who, throughout their respective careers, have worked with purpose and  
acumen to nurture and develop this state's most precious resource: our young people; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Edward T. Freels, longtime and well-loved Dean of Natural Sciences  
and Mathematics at Carson-Newman College, is most assuredly one such dedicated and astute  
educator; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Freels was recently honored by being named Distinguished Faculty  
member during Honor's Day ceremonies at Carson-Newman College; and

WHEREAS, widely admired and respected for his unwavering commitment to the  
institution, its students, and his fellow employees, Dr. Freels has taught geology and geography  
since joining the Carson-Newman faculty in 1961; and

WHEREAS, his leadership and his dedication to Carson-Newman are greatly  
appreciated by those who work with him, those to whom he reports, and to those who have  
served with him on committees and councils; and

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WHEREAS, deeply committed to ensuring Carson-Newman's technological strength, Dr. Freels is a mainstay who seems to innately understand and astutely assess the big picture of operating a school like Carson-Newman; and

WHEREAS, working in concert with President Cordell Maddox, Dr. Freels was a key element in the construction and development of the school's computer annex; and

WHEREAS, to his colleagues outside the science discipline, Dr. Freels is considered a paragon of dependability and forthrightness, and both his skills as a teacher and his value as a friend are highly regarded; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Freels earned his undergraduate degree in geology from the University of Tennessee. He followed that work with an M.S. in geology and a Ph.D. in geography; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known as the "senior dean", Dr. Freels has the longest tenure on the college's academic council, and he is renowned as a wise counselor who loves to see others do well; and

WHEREAS, a native of Knoxville, Dr. Freels and his wife, Jerri, have lived in Jefferson City for four decades; and

WHEREAS, the Freels are members of First Methodist Church, Jefferson City, where he has faithfully served on a variety of boards over the years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Freels are blessed to share love and companionship with their children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Edward T. Freels has distinguished himself as an educator and human being of the greatest probity, integrity and compassion, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby pause to honor and commend Dr. Edward T. Freels upon being named Distinguished Faculty Member at Carson-Newman

College and extend to this estimable gentleman our best wishes for every continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.